

Friday, May 23, 2008

Chairman Kevin J. Martin Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin,

My name is Kim Kates and I am the Director of Grief Support Services here at the Samaritans. I run a program that directly services families and friends who have lost loved ones to suicide. Samaritans has been in the Greater Boston and Metrowest areas for over 30 years. Our purpose is to alleviate feelings of despair, isolation, distress and suicidal feelings among individuals in our community, 24 hours a day; to educate the public about suicide prevention; and to reduce the stigma associated with suicide. We accomplish this through services that emphasize confidential, nonjudgmental, and compassionate support.

WZLX has been a wonderful partner in our work. WZLX has donated many, many hours of public service announcements to the community, helping Samaritans get the word out about the importance of suicide prevention, awareness, and of our services. WZLX has been an amazing support promoting our cause.

We have been very grateful for WZLX's involvement and consistent endorsement of our work

If you need more information or have any questions, feel free to contact me at kkates@samaritanshope.org or 617-536-2460.

Sincerely,

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